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Trying to make a martyr out of Gallagher is as difficult as trying to make a chief of police out of him. He lacks all the qualifications of both. Among the resolutions adopted by the Lancaster county democratic convention is one "pointing with pride to the record of Nebraska's free silver representatives in congress."

Congress does not reconvene till December, but the governor of Mississippi will hardly wait to keep the aspirants for the seat made vacant by the death of Senator George around him that long. It is to be hoped the movement to build an auditorium in Lincoln may succeed. In the natural course of events Nebraska political conventions must go occasionally to the state capital and when they do meet there they ought to have as good accommodations as the place can afford.

Our American monetary commissioners are enjoying themselves talking in the pleasure resorts of Europe. If they do not stir up anything to interfere with the progress of returning prosperity at home, spending their time in that way may be the most harmless thing for them to do. Tom Watson seems to have been overlooked in the invitation list of the great three-ringed silver circus that is billed for Lincoln for next Wednesday with Bryan in his old role of ringmaster, and Teller, Towne, Weaver and the other popocate mimics as the novel and unique clown combination.

With the protection afforded by the new tariff law there is no good reason why the sheep and wool industry in Nebraska should not take a new impetus. This industry has already assumed large and profitable proportions in this state, Nebraska can easily be made one of the great wool states of the union. Senator Cullom, who is in London, says he has heard no expressions of opposition from the British to American annexation of Hawaii. Why should the British object? The British may want to acquire some territory by annexation itself and would want nothing better than to head off possible remonstrance by the United States with a sop like Hawaii.

The populist state officers are becoming very sensitive to public criticism and hardly a week passes that some one of them does not publish an explanation of some transaction from which he fears the public may draw the impression that something is wrong. The way for public officers to avoid embarrassing explanations is to avoid doing anything that may call for explanation. The populist state house machine is injecting itself into local politics at the state capital and manipulating local conventions in the interest of the fusion program mapped out by state officials by which the head of the ticket is to be traded off to a democrat. Thus the reform administration is again making itself guilty of the same abuses for which it upbraided its predecessors and which it promised to abolish.

The great and only Jim Dahman, chairman of the democratic state committee and on the state payroll for \$2,000 as secretary of the State Board of Transportation, has to go into the democratic state convention on credentials of appointment by his county committee. When a party leader becomes so popular that he dare not trust his party to select him as delegate at a regular primary or convention he must have fallen into hard lines.

NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF.

Governor Holcomb has been indorsed by the Douglas county mobocrats who stole a delegation to the democratic state convention by disfranchising a city of more than 10,000 population and sending a ward delegation whose only title was obtained from ballot box stuffers and common thieves. This body of political desperadoes congratulated the governor upon the fact that his only critics are the men and newspapers who assisted in foisting embezzlers upon the people of Nebraska. "We love him for the enemies he has made and we hereby attest anew our appreciation of his great public services" is the declaration of the hoodlum gang in convention assembled.

To what papers does this denunciation have reference? Is it to the Omaha organ of the boodle gang, which exoriated the governor for declining to play into the hands of the Russell-Churchill combine and tried to hold him up to contempt and ridicule when he declared that he did not approve the rotten penitentiary appropriation? Is it to the Western Laborer, which in the name of organized labor scored the governor for playing false to the toilers who helped to elect him with the understanding that he would give labor due recognition? Is it to the fearless, unbought populist newspapers that have taken the governor to task for his lack of spinal column in standing up for the men who stood up for him without price and without hope of reward when he needed support? Or is this popgun shot directed exclusively at The Bee, which has praised Holcomb whenever he has done his duty, covered some of his defects with the mantle of charity, but exercised its right to criticize acts that are indefensible and methods that are damnable? If so, surely the mobocrats when they declare that Governor Holcomb's only critics are "newspapers and men who assisted in foisting embezzlers on the people of Nebraska" do not mean to intimate that in foisting Holcomb upon Nebraska when they were killing him and selling him out for filthy corporation hire, The Bee was helping the embezzlements of funds belonging to the people.

In borrowing the motto which General Brazz applied to Grover Cleveland that "we love him for the enemies he has made" the Douglas county mobocrats use a very unfortunate expression. Who loves him and who are the enemies he has made? High among the Douglas delegation to the democratic state convention whose love has been so gushingly expressed is a notorious bilk and deadbeat who regularly draws checks on banks in which he never had any deposit. Still another is a man who achieved his first distinction in Omaha years ago as an expert ballot box stuffer. Another loving admirer is a man who narrowly escaped conviction on an indictment for murder. Among those who love the governor for the enemies he has made are the leaders of the boodle gang that held up every vulnerable interest in the late legislature and the men who were besmirched in the legislative gambling bill scandal. Last but not least are several keepers of notorious dives who enjoy protection from his reform police commission. To gain the admiration and love of such an aggregation must make Governor Holcomb feel proud indeed.

TAXING ALIEN LABOR. The Pennsylvania legislature passed in June last a law taxing alien labor three cents a day and providing that the tax should be deducted by the employers of such labor from the wages of the alien employee. A question was raised as to the constitutionality of the act and a decision was rendered a few days ago in the United States circuit court at Pittsburg declaring the law to be unconstitutional and in direct conflict with the federal laws.

The court held that the alien tax law was unquestionably in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution. The tax was of an unusual character, directed against and confined to a particular class of persons. It was hostile to and discriminated against such persons, interfering to the pursuit by them of their lawful avocations and obstacles to which others under like circumstances are not subjected. It imposes upon these persons burdens which are not laid upon others in the same calling and condition. The tax is an arbitrary deduction from the daily wages of a particular class of persons. The court said that the equal protection of the laws declared by the fourteenth amendment to the constitution secures to each person within the jurisdiction of a state exemption from any burdens or charges other than such as are equally laid upon all others under like circumstances. "It is apparent," said the court, "that the mere fact of classification is not sufficient to relieve a statute from the reach of the equality clause of the fourteenth amendment and that in all cases it must appear not only that a classification has been made, but also that it is one based upon some reasonable ground—some difference which bears a just and proper relation to the attempted classification—and is not a mere arbitrary selection."

It is probably entirely safe to say that this decision will be sustained by the higher courts, in the event of an appeal being taken to them and the matter is obviously one of no little importance. If this Pennsylvania law were pronounced constitutional there can be no doubt that similar legislation would be enacted in a number of states and a serious burden thus be imposed upon many people. It is true that escape from the operation of such a law is to be found by those to whom it applies in becoming citizens and many aliens in Pennsylvania have availed themselves of this, but a considerable number have been found disqualified for citizenship under the conditions imposed by the courts. It may be said that a man who is not sufficiently intelligent to become a citizen of the United States is not entitled to any consideration, but he is here and must either earn his living or be subsisted at the public expense. To discriminate against him by subjecting him to a special tax would not better fit him for citizenship, while it would impose upon him a burden as

un-American as it is unconstitutional. It has been rather surprising to find the Pennsylvania law generally supported by the press of that state, but of course this is to be accounted for by their indisposition to give any offense to the labor not amenable to the law. Unquestionably it is desirable that all men who get their livelihood in this country should be citizens, but those who do not choose to do so should not be subjected to such discrimination as that of the Pennsylvania law.

MOHOCRACY INSTEAD OF DEMOCRACY.

Democracy is the rule of the people. Its fundamental principle is the equal participation of all citizens in the government. The convention of the so-called Douglas county democracy held to select delegates to the democratic state convention was a most disgraceful exhibition of unbridled mobocracy. Instead of carrying out the expressed wish and will of the democrats recorded at the democratic caucuses and primaries, its procedure from beginning to end was a high-handed usurpation of power in total disregard of precedent and right. With Ed Howell, chairman of the county committee, checking off free speech, a band of hoodlums howling down all who dared demand fair play and the boss gamblers of the town on the floor buying up county delegations, the mobocratic ring succeeded in securing full sway and a delegation of its own choosing instructed to carry out the program which is to perpetuate its control of the party machinery.

In no other convention ever held in Omaha have men whose seats were contested moved their own recognition as delegates and voted to seat themselves while their contestants were excluded. In no other political convention held by any party has the city of South Omaha ever been completely disfranchised. For this outrage the pretext is that the South Omaha delegation was elected at a caucus instead of at a primary, and although there was no contest and more than two-thirds of the delegates from county precincts were elected in the same way, the mobocrats voted South Omaha out entirely and left it without any representation. Only one year ago the delegates who were seated by the convention that nominated Bryan for president were appointed by the county committee without any authority from the democratic voters either in primary, caucus or convention.

In accord with the eternal fitness of things the mobocrats, after expelling the sixteen delegates from South Omaha and driving out nearly a third of the regularly elected delegates, went through the motions of voting all the vacant seats and completed the shameful farce of electing a state delegation and passing resolutions of praise and censure when less than thirty out of the 180 duly accredited delegates representing the leading democratic county in the state were in the convention hall.

QUIT PLAYING HORSE.

The Bee is glad to know that there are a number of self-respecting druggists who will not tolerate the slot machine gambling devices in their places of business. For this they certainly deserve credit. There are altogether too many shopkeepers who, in their eagerness for the elusive dollar, are willing to undermine the morals of the entire community by placing the gambling temptation within the reach of every boy and girl—Omaha Bee.

If the Omaha Bee is so anxious to remove temptation from the path of the young in Omaha, why does it not get after the one species of gambling that is doing more in one day to corrupt the young than all the slot machines do in a month? Why does it not nominate its reform committee to go in the direction of the slot machine gambling, and operated in defiance of law in this city and South Omaha? The Omaha Bee is profuse in its advice to lessen the gambling evil by stopping the slot machines, but not a word has it said of Tom Dennison's policy some, which is the lowest form of gambling, and doing a thousand times more than the slot machine, far more ruinous to the wheel than the slot machine, and poisoning the minds of the young with the virus of gambling.—World-Herald.

Yes, quit playing horse and do not delude yourself into the belief that the people of Omaha are all knaves or fools. To the best of our information there is no policy shop running in Omaha, but if there is, why has not the reform police commission suppressed it? It may serve the purpose of the organ of the roulette and faro gamblers and the keepers of robbers' roosts into which strangers are decoyed and fleeced to magnify the awful consequences of policy, and it has served its purpose well with the present police commission to point Tom Dennison as the policy king and prince of gamblers, when in fact he is a comparatively insignificant factor in the gambling fraternity. So far as The Bee is concerned it has never made any distinction between kinds of gambling and the relative immorality of different gambling devices and gambling shops.

The Bee has a consistent record of opposition to public gambling in every form. It protested loudly against the ordinance licensing gambling while the World-Herald, by its silence, gave assent. The Bee exposed the gambling bill scandal at the legislature last winter and prevented the boodle gang from repealing the anti-gambling laws, but the World-Herald uttered never a word of protest against the infamous scheme. The Bee has repeatedly shown up the existence of gambling resorts in Omaha, but the World-Herald has upheld its friends on successive police boards in countenancing the evil by ignoring it. The Bee has denounced the slot-machine licensing ordinance which aims to transform saloons, cigar stores, barber shops and drug stores into gambling resorts, but not a line has been printed by the World-Herald indicating its opposition to the licensing of this insidious crime. As the organ of the gamblers' gang that boasts control of the reform police commission the World-Herald's championing of licensed gambling is not surprising.

The mobocratic convention threw a sop to John A. Creighton by electing him a delegate to the state convention, and we apprehend that John A. Creighton is not anxious to go into the county seat of Lincoln, where the reform leaders should go astray. Nothing more unfortunate could happen to American politics

than the reunion of the dismembered factions of the democratic party. Such a reunion means the restoration to leadership of the men who have discredited their party, defeated its principles, and driven into retirement some of the ablest and most useful men in the country. The country is to be congratulated that at present the national democratic display that enthusiasm without which new movements are hopeless. And while Mr. German and some of his associates are abroad, and while Mr. Boies possesses the respect of many who do not agree with him, the objects of the will of the party are not so opposed to the principles of the national democracy that the failure of the transparent movement for harmony seems inevitable.

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TICKET ESSENTIALLY SATISFACTORY.

Nebraska Tribune: The Republicans of Nebraska have spoken. Hon. A. M. Post is the nominee for supreme judge, C. W. Kaley of Red Cloud and John N. Dryden of Kearney are the nominees for regents of the state university. It was an earnest, enthusiastic convention. John L. McPhoeley of Minden was president of the convention. The temporary chairman and his speech was one of the hits of the convention. Senator Thurston made a masterly address and his remarks were received with great enthusiasm. His announcement that he is not a candidate for re-election was a surprise to all. Judge Baker made a brief and characteristic speech. The harmonious manner in which the convention was pulled off indicates a strong purpose to close up the public ranks and present a bold, unbroken front to the opposition, which augurs well for republican success in the autumn.

Kearney Hub: The nomination of Chief Justice Post for supreme judge was a foregone conclusion. It is a case where everybody wanted the nominee to be chosen and the choice is rewarded by the friends of the nominee by every republican club and organization in the state. He was the choice of the republicans generally and will be accorded the unanimous support of the republican press. His record on the bench has been clean, he is above reproach personally, and politically, a favorite son of Nebraska. Judge Post will be re-elected. The selection of John N. Dryden and C. W. Kaley of Red Cloud for candidates for regents of the university were the best that could have been made. The republican party has a particularly well chosen ticket with the nomination of Mr. Dryden, and the strength of the state ticket has been much enhanced by the choice. There ought to be no doubt of the result of the election. The ticket will win a landslide. Post, Dryden and Kaley is placed before the people.

Time Takes: One sentiment seemed to inspire every delegate to the republican convention and that was an assurance of victory this fall. Every argument of the opposition has been disproved, every prophecy of republican success has been fulfilled, and every prophecy of republican success has been fulfilled. There is no reason on earth why the republican party should not win this year. The republican party are re-elected and the result of republican success has been all that was predicted. There is no reason on earth why the republican party should not win this year. The republican party are re-elected and the result of republican success has been all that was predicted. There is no reason on earth why the republican party should not win this year. The republican party are re-elected and the result of republican success has been all that was predicted.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Spiritualists in Jeffersonville, Ind., have rented a haunted house for a meeting place. They are willing to take the risk for the privilege of practicing their occult art. Just what place the word "exorcising" should occupy in dictionaries has been so much of a mystery that learned compilers carefully omitted it. A newspaper writer grappled with the problem and succeeded in relieving the mental agitation of mankind. How simple it is when you know how.

SCHOOL SUITS.

Possibly the boy is needing a new suit to start to school in. If such is the case we desire to call your attention to the excellent suitings we are offering the youths and little fellows in our children's department this week. Good, strong, well made garments in all the prevailing styles and textures, just the thing to stand the wear and tear they are subjected to by a lively, wide-awake school boy, and at prices that show them to be unusual values. "Early fall novelties in hats are now open for your inspection."

Philadelphia Ledger: Mr. Woolworth's remedy for the perils which, in his judgment, menace the social order is the application of "the mechanism of the law to the education of all in the rights and duties of citizenship." This may mean something to Mr. Woolworth, but the state might not everywhere grasp it. The true remedy lies in the hands of every voter and it is the judicious exercise of the right of suffrage. When the citizen will determine to vote understandingly and put honest men on guard in the legislature and in municipal councils he will deal a death blow at political favoritism and the danger will be over. He can do this by interesting himself in the politics of his own party and by independent voting at the general elections.

THE VETERANS AT BUFFALO.

Springfield Republican: The gem of President McKinley's speech at Buffalo was this: The army of Grant and the army of Lee are together. Our country, one flag! Kansas City Star: The selection of General J. P. S. Golin of Pennsylvania as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic will guarantee to that organization a wise and conservative administration of its affairs during the ensuing term. General Golin was an excellent soldier in the field during the war and has performed much valuable service for the people of his state both in civil and military life since, and he is capable and conscientious in whatever capacity he may be called upon to serve.

Dear Moines Leader: In other orders deaths, suspensions, etc., can be made up by the initiation of new members. Not so with the Grand Army of the Republic. It must not renew its membership and with what philosophy it may must face the fact that within a few years its encampments will no longer be held, its ritual no longer be its greetings no longer be interchanged. The organization is in its afternoon, and while the warmth of it is still mellow and rich, the thought cannot be avoided that the shadows are pointing toward the end, and that soon will come the sunset, the twilight and then the end.

Philadelphia Press: The last four encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic have passed its heyday, but no evidence of decline is visible at the thirty-first reunion now being held in Buffalo. The attendance is the largest. The enthusiasm, the greatest and the procession one of the longest known at any encampment. There are reasons for this. As the veterans grow older and the hour approaches of their final surrender to the conqueror of all mankind old associations are prized more highly and the occasions when they can be renewed are more eagerly sought after. This brings yearly a larger percentage of the older members who are still able to travel to the encampments and are eager to improve the opportunities left.

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